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PROGRESS OF BLOC ARMS DELIVERIES TO EGYPT

I. Considerable quantities of Bloc arms have already been delivered to Egypt, although strict Egyptian security measures have prevented compilation of exact amounts delivered to date.

A. Thusfar, [REDACTED] only 12 IL-28s and 8 MIG-15s in Egypt.

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B. However, we have evidence [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] that at least 40 to 50 jet aircraft, as well as 100 medium (T-34) and 20 heavy (JS-3) tanks, together with unknown amounts of artillery, military vehicles, light arms and ammunition, have already been delivered.

II. Since 22 Oct, seven arms cargoes have arrived in Alexandria from Soviet Black Sea ports aboard Soviet freighters, while two other Soviet vessels--tankers--have apparently delivered

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[REDACTED] military equipment to Alexandria.

A. Soviet tankers have also delivered some 23,000 tons of POL to the Suez area, half of which is believed to be jet fuel.

B. Additional Bloc arms may also have been delivered by one Egyptian and one East German vessel to Alexandria in early Nov.